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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Thomas Giovinazzi

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Securing Bracket For A Floor Supported Laundry Appliance

Art Unit:

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Examiner:

Kimberly T. Wood

Amendment

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Sir:

In reply to the Office action of January 26, 2006, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Claim 1 (Cancelled)

Claim 2 (Cancelled)

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) In combination a securing bracket and a floor supported laundry appliance, said securing bracket comprising an angle iron having a base portion and a vertical arm, the base portion of the angle iron being positioned on the floor behind the appliance and in proximity to a pair of rear legs on the appliance, a lag screw extending through a slot provided in the vertical arm of said angle iron and into a wall in proximity to the rear of the appliance, an enlarged opening in said base portion communicating with said slot, shock absorber means connected between the rear legs of the appliance and the angle iron,